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Rachel Roskelley
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Re: A/T Approval of Radiological Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP).

Dear Ms. Roskelley,

The Agencies and Tribes (A/T) have reviewed the electronic version of the above referenced deliverable, submitted pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent/Consent Order for Performance of Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study at the Enoch, Henry, and Ballard Mine Sites in Southeastern Idaho (or 2009 AOC). This letter approves the SAP and also provides clarification regarding use of the data to support risk assessments.

In reviewing the SAP and associated responses to comments, questions arose amongst the A/T regarding specific use of the radiological data in risk assessment. For example, while the A/T support using radiological data in radiological risk assessments (as an alternative to modeling using U metal concentration data), the specifics of how the data will be used including appropriate human health exposure scenarios for different portions of the sites is still under review. We believe that these issues are best sorted out in discussions on risk assessment work plans and other deliverables. These discussions may result in modifications to the risk assessment work plan (that was approved back in 2011).

Please contact me if you have questions. I can be reached at 208-378-5763 or electronically at tomten.dave@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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